

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A vehicle-use alternator having a housing that contains a rotor and stator and is formed with attachment holes for use during an operation of mounting said
5 vehicle-use alternator in a vehicle, wherein
said housing comprises a plurality of carrier portions for use in retaining and supporting said vehicle-use alternator during said mounting operation, each of said carrier portions being formed of at least
10 one through-hole or groove, and said carrier portions being formed at a plurality of different locations on said vehicle-use alternator.
2. A vehicle-use alternator as claimed in claim 1,
15 wherein said through-holes or grooves constituting said carrier portions have respective central axes thereof oriented along a common axis.
3. A vehicle-use alternator as claimed in claim 1,
20 wherein each of said through-holes or grooves constituting said carrier portions has a central axis oriented in a direction that is other than parallel to an axis of rotation of said rotor of said vehicle-use alternator.

4. A vehicle-use alternator as claimed in claim 1,
wherein said attachment holes have respective central
axes that are oriented in parallel with one another, and
5 wherein each of said through-holes or grooves formed in
said carrier portions has a central axis oriented in a
direction that is other than parallel to said central
axes of said attachment holes.

10 5. A vehicle-use alternator as claimed in claim 1,
wherein said attachment holes have respective central
axes that are oriented in parallel with a common
direction, that common direction being other than
parallel to an axis of rotation of said rotor of said
15 vehicle-use alternator.

6. A vehicle-use alternator as claimed in claim 1,
wherein said carrier portions are formed in a plurality
of attachment stays of said vehicle-use alternator, with
20 each said attachment stay having a corresponding one of
said attachment holes formed therein.